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TO : Executive  
FROM : Deputy Executive  
SUBJECT: Space

DATE: 23 March 1950

1. I received a call from Mr. Nolan, secretary of the National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, on 23 March, at which time Mr. Nolan stated that the Commission had disapproved the construction of an extension on M Building.

2. Mr. Nolan read to me a letter on this subject which the Commission has dispatched to the Bureau of the Budget with a copy to the Public Buildings Administration. The statements in this letter indicate that their decision is based on an NSRB directive limiting further construction in Washington and also based generally on current policy determinations along these lines which have been approved by the President. The letter included a suggestion that other activities be removed from the Washington area to make more room for CIA without specifying what activities might be moved. A copy of this letter is being sent to us.

3. I have given instructions to [ ] to go back to PBA in an attempt to find sufficient space in some other area to accommodate all of the activities planned for M and Q Buildings, and failing this, to search again for space to lease which will enable us at least to clear North Building. This is the only means remaining to us to solve in any way the space requirement for CIA during the next six months' period.

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4. If neither government nor leased space can be made available within the next very few months, it will be necessary to curtail personnel procurement for ORE, OCD, OSI and Advisory Council to a point determined by space availability. If it should become apparent that such action will be our only alternative it will also be necessary to determine the extent to which such curtailment must be applied to each of these offices in order to enable them to maintain some sort of reasonable operating balance. We will do our best, however, to avoid having to arrive at such an unsatisfactory conclusion.

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